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BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WORLD DISASTER AREAS

To: The Honourable John Savage
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

Sir:

I have the honour to present the report on the Government of British Columbia's Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries Program for the fiscal year 1986-87.

It can be seen from the table on the next page that assistance was provided to 19 organizations in their sponsorship of 28 development or disaster projects during the year. The total amount now committed by the Government of British Columbia since this program was initiated in 1969 is $8,131,276. Short summaries of the projects supported in 1986-87 and a map of their locations are included in the body of the report.

The fund makes a valuable contribution to the work of the non-government agencies as they design and deliver their development projects. The good work of these agencies enhances the lives of the recipient people in many of the world's developing countries. British Columbia's contribution is very much appreciated.

The guidelines for the Advisory Committee are included in the report for readers unfamiliar with the program. Administration is kept as simple as possible. The first step for any interested applicant is to provide satisfactory proof of eligibility. After that, an applicaton may be made by the sponsoring organization on the form provided by the Secretary. At the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, the project proposal is reviewed on its merits, in relation to the guidelines and the amount of the budget still uncommitted. If the project receives favourable review, a recommendation is made to the Minister on the amount that should be granted in its support. Enclosed with the cheque is a project progress report form and a date given for the return of the form. When all Government funds have been spent on the project and upon its completion, the file on the project is formally closed.

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Report to The Honourable John Savage (cont'd)

During the year under review the Advisory Committee lost the services of Dr. Jack Newberry who asked to leave the committee due to a re-assignment of responsibilities. He had served on the committee since 1972 and his counsel will be missed. Dr. Hugh Walker, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries joined the committee in early 1987.

G.A. MacEachern
Chairman
B.C. Agricultural Aid
Advisory Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED TO EACH ORGANIZATION

DURING PERIOD APRIL 1, 1986 to MARCH 31, 1987

AND THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Organization	Projects	Amount
Canadian Hunger Foundation	3	$ 6,500
Canadian Luthern World Relief	1	15,000
Canadian Red Cross	1	30,000
Canadian Organization for Development through Education	2	16,400
CUSO	1	1,400
Frontiers Foundation	1	12,000
Holy Cross Parish	1	2,500
Hope International	1	20,000
Inter-Action	1	5,000
Inter-Pares	2	15,100
International Association for the Transformation of Man	1	10,000
Oxfam	3	15,500
Plenty Canada	2	16,000
Rotary Club of Chilliwack	1	2,400
Salvation Army	1	5,000
SIM - Canada	1	6,000
Unitarian Service Committee	1	6,200
World Vision Canada	1	5,000
Y - International - Vancouver	3	9,700
	28	$199,700

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF APPROVED PROJECTS

April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987

CANADIAN HUNGER FOUNDATION

Panuja Dairy Project - India.....$ 3,500

Twenty five families make a marginal living on the Panuja Rehabilitation Farm Colony. This project will assist them in looking at dairy development as an alternative means to increase the income generated by traditional farming habits. The project will involve the purchase of milk cows and the construction of housing for them. Good dairy practices will be taught as well as the importance of the necessary forage support program. The project will help to provide a more adequate local diet and in addition will provide alternative employment for day laborers.

Integrated Rural Development in Dinajpur - Bangladesh.....$ 1,000

The objective of the Integrated Rural Development in Dinajpur project is to assist the Bangladeshi farmer to improve his standard of living, through a livestock, poultry and seed program. In addition approximately 50 villagers will become involved in small trades. An adult education program will be initiated. Extension workers will provide technical expertise.

Gogra Village Agricultural Development - India.....$ 1,900

This project will establish caste and tribal families on farm land granted to them by the government. The construction of an irrigation system in the very dry area will result in an increase in rice yields and the diversification of cultivated crops. This will enable the villagers to cultivate three crops a year instead of the traditional one. Income levels will increase and the nutritional level of the farmers will improve.

CANADIAN LUTHERN WORLD RELIEF

Rehabilitation and Development Program in West Bengal and Orissa - India.....$ 15,000

The aim of this project is to build a self-supporting peoples organization and to promote the self reliance of individuals and groups. The objectives are to increase agricultural productivity, improve the health conditions of the people, raise the literacy rate, provide leadership training and increase income generation and employment. The local people will be very involved in the planning of the project through the formation of village level committees.

CANADIAN RED CROSS

Disaster Relief - Sudan.....$ 30,000

This years $30,000 contribution to the Canadian Red Cross will go toward relief operations in the Sudan. Funds will be used to provide food and medicine as well as the provision of health education and the distribution of seeds.

CANADIAN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Rural Development Program in Equatorial Guinea.....$ 6,400

The objective of this rural development project is to improve the diet of subsistance farmers in Equatorial Guinea through the introduction of new crop varities and new agricultural techniques using written and audio-visual materials.

Crop Information Booklets - Zimbabwe.....$ 10,000

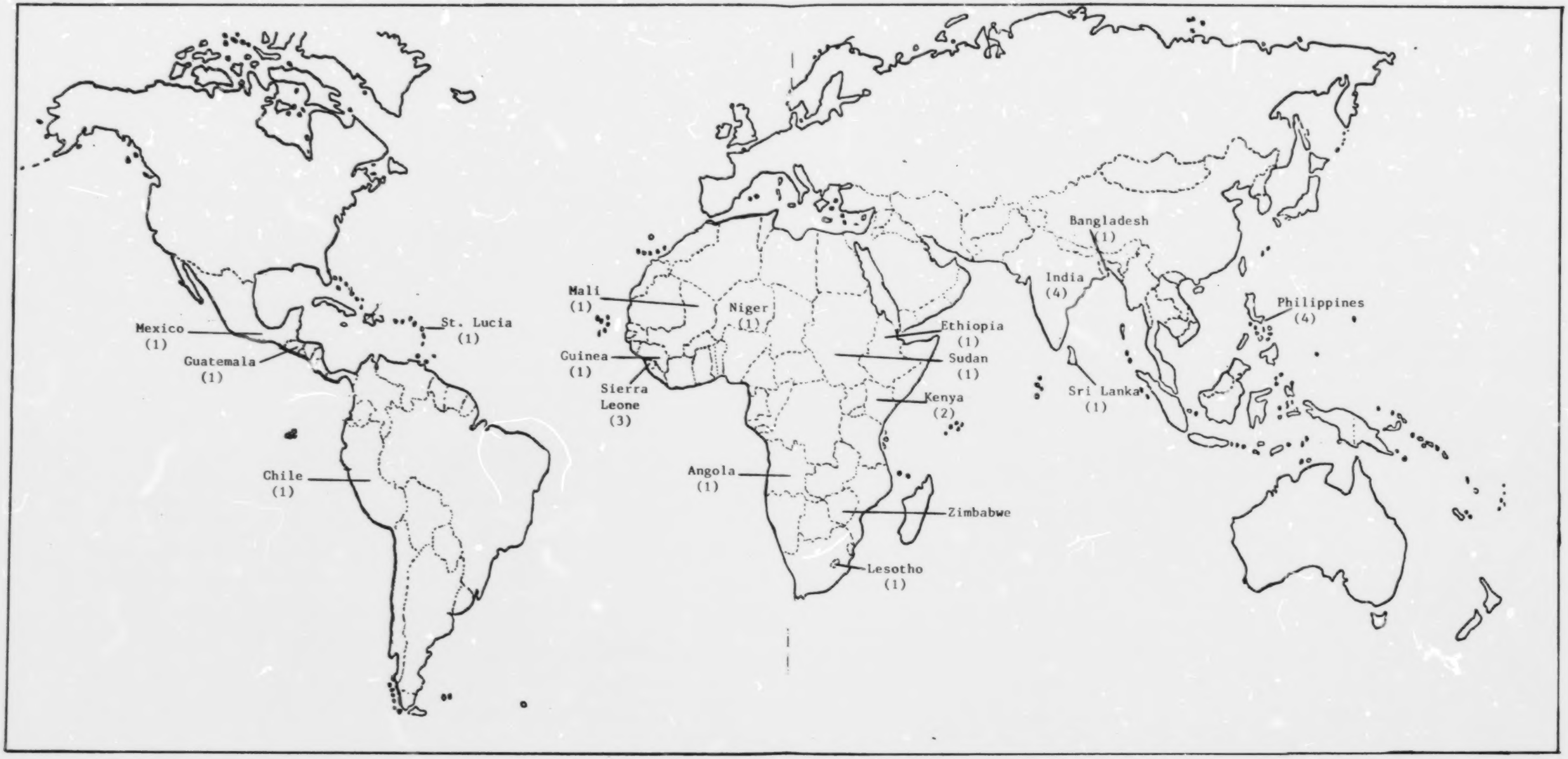
This project will facilitate the printing of post-literacy materials designed to educate peasant farmers of Zimbabwe in improved methods of cultivating their three major crops (sorghum, marge and pearl millet). This initiative will contribute to their ability to feed themselves and to their quality of life.

C.U.S.O.

Kassasie Womens Agricultural Development Association - Sierra Leone.....$ 1,400

Funding will enable the association to construct a storage facility to store rice and vegetable produce as well as agricultural implements.

Locations of the Projects Supported by the
Government of British Columbia during 1986-87



FRONTIERS FOUNDATION

Manjehum Agricultural Co-operative - Sierra Leone.....$ 12,000

The project will facilitate the formation of a co-operative involving farmers from five areas. Increased production and a more adequate source of food for the villagers will result. All farmers will be given a five acre farm of their own and enough funds to grow a wide variety of crops. The farmers must take care to ensure that the farms will be self sufficient after the first year.

HOLY CROSS PARISH

Water Supply for Serabu - Sierra Leone.....$ 2,500

This project will develop a water supply for the village for house hold, hospital and agricultural uses. Approximately 2,000 people will benefit.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL

Garden Irrigation Project - Niger.....$ 20,000

This project has as its objective the expansion of dry-season irrigated gardening in the Chikal, Wagou and Kounou villages through the construction of wells and the installation of hand pumps. The project will contribute to diversifying and increasing food production. It is expected that single wells will be able to irrigate one hectare of vegetables and one half hectare of fruit trees or other crops that can tolerate a variable irrigation schedule.

INTER-ACTION

World Food Day.....$ 5,000

World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16 by all member countries of the Food and Agriculture Organizations of the United Nations. Its purpose is to focus on world food issues with particular reference to the needs of third world countries. World Food Day programs in British Columbia involved the school system, church, interfaith groups and the media.

INTER-PARES

Flood Control and Land Development - Mali.....$ 10,000

The development of food self-sufficiency for farmers affected by drought and a reduction in rural migration are the two main aims of this project. The project will develop new dams and maintain existing dams for flood control which will allow for the intensification and diversification of crops.

Land for the Tillers Freedom - India.....$ 5,100

This project will assist resettled families to become self-reliant on new farms reclaimed for their use. It will provide a tractor to ensure rapid cultivation of newly irrigated land. These families and future resettled families will be able to increase their food production through this and other projects like it.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN

Kalinga Agro-Forestry Development
- Northern Philippines.....$ 10,000

Funding will help to maintain and expand two agro-forest nurseries in the barrios of Butbut and Tulgao and to develop a demonstration garden in the village of Balay. Reforestation projects will be started in the three barrios which will provide income earning opportunities for needy tribes people. In addition new food crops will be introduced and improved agricultural practices initiated. In excess of 12,000 tribes people will benefit from improved crop production and a greater variety of available foods.

OXFAM

Rural Development in Chiloe - Chile.....$ 2,900

This rural development project will establish a technical team of four people to work toward improving potatoe varities and local sheep stock in addition to doing participative research on the problems of cereal production. They will also implement a plan for improving cereal production and processing 2,100 families throughout Chiloe will benefit from the results of this project.

Irrigation Systems for Displaced Persons in the Waco King Area - Angola.....$ 5,600

The objectives of this project are to support the development of pilot irrigation systems for communities of displaced persons and to enable displaced persons to increase agricultural productivity to meet their subsistence food needs. The irrigation systems will offset some of the deletrious effects of the drought and provide water for agricultural production. Benficiaries of the project will be the displaced persons of the two communities of Kalusambia and Kanada Nova.

Agricultural Research and Training - Ethiopia.....$ 7,000

This project is designed to assist the displaced population of Eritrea in returning to self sufficiency and to assist all of the people in Eritrea affected by famine. Direct outreach will be made to several thousand farmers to assist them in land reclamation and the entire agricultural sector will benefit from the research into seeds, fertilizer and water usage.

PLENTY CANADA

Integrated Rural Development Project - Guatemala.....$ 6,000

An extension program will be implemented which will concentrate on agriculture and soy processing. The promotion of the use of soybeans on home, village and commercial scales will be undertaken by processing demonstration, training and extension services. In addition recipe development will be undertaken which incorporates soy and soy products into traditional food.

St. Lucia Integrated Community Development - St. Lucia.....$ 10,000

The objective of this project is to implement an integrated extension program concentrating on agriculture and soy processing. It will promote the use of soybeans on home, village and commercial scales by providing demonstation, workshops and extension services about the incorporation of soy foods into the traditional diet to improve nutrition. A Soy Centre will provide training in the processing of soy and serve as a resource for all extension information regarding the project.

ROTARY CLUB OF CHILLIWACK

Tarahumara Indian Agricultural Upgrading Program - Mexico.....$ 2,400

The project will assist the Tarahumara Indians in the vicinity of Creel Mexico to be self sufficient in food production by providing a 10 foot oat and wheat cutter and a fumigating machine. The Chilliwack Rotary Club has already provided a tractor, a row crop cultivator, a rake and a hammer mill. This equipment will assist the 7,500 Indians in the Creel area toward becoming self sufficient in food production.

SALVATION ARMY

Poultry and Piggery Project - Sri Lanka.....$ 5,000

Training in animal husbandry to boys from disadvantaged homes is the focus of this project. The boys live at the Salvation Army Boys Centre in Galapatha. 72 pigs will be raised per year and sold for slaughter. In addition, 1,000 chickens will be raised; the eggs will be sold locally. 50 boys will benefit directly with hundreds of people benefiting indirectly.

SIM CANADA

Wajir Windmill and Water - Kenya.....$ 6,000

This water development project will provide water sufficient to irrigate two hectares of agricultural land. In addition it will provide a potable water supply for domestic use which will improve the standard of health in the village.

UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE

Berea Vegetable Growers Cold Storage - Lesotho.....$ 6,200

This project will have the specific objective of assisting the Berea Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association in the construction of a cool storage and marketing facility for their produce. It will be the first cool storage facility of its kind in the country and will act as both a receiving depot, a storage facility and a market.

WORLD VISION CANADA

Ngurnet Community Development Project - Kenya.....$ 5,000

The purpose of this project is to help the Ngurnet people raise their standard of living and help them alleviate some of the problems caused by chronic drought which plagues the region. The project will assist specifically with water problems by establishing a water catchment system. The principal thrust will be to improve food production by providing replacement livestock. A co-operative for marketing local goods will also be a result of the project.

Y-INTERNATIONAL - VANCOUVER

Rural Self-Employment Project - Philippines.....$ 4,000

This project will train young people aged 18 to 35 in running livelihood projects such as vegetable and livestock production. They will be provided with initial inputs such as seeds and fertilizers. A village development fund will be established to help to make the people self reliant. Untimately the project will benefit the 450 residents of the area.

YMCA Tanim Pangkabuhayan Program - Phillipinnes.....$ 2,000

The objective of this project is to instruct unemployed heads of families and out of school youth in agricultural skills so that they can augment the families income through the sale of agricultural products. This project will be used as a model for similar development in other barrios in the region.

Producers Marketing Co-operative - Philippines.....$ 3,700

This project will help to increase the income of rice farmers by 440 pesos annually. It will also enable the farmers to have control over the marketing of the product by setting up a marketing co-operative. Initially 135 rice farmers will be involved benefiting over 800 people.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A B.C. AGRICULTURAL AID GRANT?

To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must normally be:

a) Non-governmental and non-profit.
b) Clearly identifiable as Canadian, perferably with headquarters or offices in British Columbia.
c) In the case of religious organizations, a provincial or parent body.
d) Managed efficiently and provide evidence of competence to carry out the project or disaster relief.
e) Prepared to provide the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee with documentary evidence of its ability to meet its share of the financial and other obligations related to the project or disaster relief.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED

An organization, when applying for a grant for the first time, must provide:

a) Full legal name, address and telephone number.
b) Date of founding, incorporation (if applicable) and details of registration.
c) Copy of the charter of incorporation, constitution or similar document
d) Names of members of the board, executive officer and principal staff.
e) Copy of the most recent audited financial statement and the annual report to the Registrar-General of Charitable Organizations or the Income Tax Act.
f) A copy of the annual report and the most recent informational material issued by the organization.

Each organization should ensure that this material is kept up to date by submitting annual reports and other relevant material to the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee.

A description of each project should be submitted on a Projects Submission Form, which can be obtained from the Rural Organizations and Services Branch, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 2Z7

3. TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may recommend a grant be made to the supporting organization to provide:

a) direct support for a project with a significant agricultural component, e.g., well digging, land clearing, farm equipment.
b) Support for agriculturally related education, with emphasis on land and water development as well as technical and scientific agricultural subject matter.
c) Assistance following a disaster. In the case of a serious disaster the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee is usually aware of the situation and is prepared to recommend cash aid or other assistance immediately following submission by a non-government organization.
d) Discretionary aid in the form of matching grants. In these cases, submissions are accepted from organizations other than those involved basically in world aid, but to qualify for matching grants, funds must be raised by the private sector in British Columbia.

4. APPRAISAL OF PROJECTS

Apart from disaster relief, the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee carefully considers each project which should:

a) Contribute significantly to social and economic development by creating jobs, developing human resources, etc.
b) Foster self-reliance by encouraging local management and initiative.
c) Make the maximum use of local human and financial resources.
d) Assist the underprivileged.
e) Be on-going, with development continuing after the cessation of funds.

The objectives of the project should be clear and realistically attainable within the limits of the resources and time available. All details should be set out clearly to show the project is financially and economically sound and is well accepted by the country concerned.

Support of a project must not be assumed by an organization until it is informed, in writing, by the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee, that a grant has been approved.

5. GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants may not be made to an organization that is in arrears with its reporting, or fails to meet its financial or other obligations, or has performed unsatisfactorily on previously assisted projects.

B.C. Agricultural Aid grants may be made in one lump sum payment on initiation of the project, or paid in instalments based on the project's requirement and on receipt of satisfactory progress reports.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee will try to avoid excessive concentration on grants to one organization, country or economic sector.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may consult with agencies submitting several requests to establish priorities.

Grants for advance training should be confined to the general area in which the applicant resides.

6. TIME SPAN OF SUPPORT

Support is normally for one year at a time. It may be possible, however, for the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee to indicate conditional support for longer periods, subject to satisfactory progress reports and approval of funds by the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION

An organization which receives a grant from the Government of British Columbia is responsible for competent administration of the grant, and providing progress reports and a final report on the project within the deadlines given.